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SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE BOARD ELECTIONS - A MEANS FOR POLITICAL
CHANGE

REF: SANA A-43 OF DECEMBER 6, 1973

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN TAPED RADIO SPEECH TO NATION ON
EVENING OF JULY 1, COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HAMDI GAVE
FORMAL ENDORSEMENT FOR NEW AND MORE DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES
FOR ELECTING REPS OF SK3,'S 47 DEVELOPMENT BORADS.
DECLARING TIME HAD COME TO END STRANGLEHOLD OF CORRUPT
REPS WHO FURTHERED PERSONAL RATHER THAN REGIONAL ECONOMIC
INTERESTS, HAMDI MADE STRONGEST PUBLIC APPEAL YET ON BEHALF
OF CREATING NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM IN YEMEN RESPONSIVE TO SOMETHING
OTHER THAN LOYALTY TO TRIBAL LEADERS. FAR FROM BEING SIMPLY
ELECTION RHETORIC, HAMDI'S STATEMENTS CAN BE VIEWED AS EVIDENCE
OF HIS COMMITMENT TO CHANNEL YEMENI POPULATION'S GENUINE
INTEREST IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT INTO SUPPORT FOR NEW
POLITICAL SYSTEM RESPONSIVE TO THESE NEEDS AND,
ADDITIONALLY, AS AN INDICATION OF THE LARGER, MORE
POLITICAL ROLE WHICH IS GRADUALLY GRAVITATING TO CYDA
IN ABSENCE EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE CIVILIAN POLITICAL PARTIES
OF INSTITUTIONS. SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS IN HANDI'S TERMS--
I.E. ELECTION WHICH REDUCE SHIKHLY INTERESTS--WOULD PROBABLY
HAVE SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON EVENTUAL ELECTORAL FORMAT FOR
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FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIVE ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ELECTION OF LOCAL REPS OF OVER FORTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BOARDS TO THREE YEAR TERMS WILL BE HELD JULY 1 TO JULY 31. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL REPRESENT LOCAL BOARDS AT MEETINGS OF CONFEDERATION OF YEMEN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS HEADQUARTERED IN SANA.

3. IN RADIO REMARKS TO NATION ON JULY 1 (TAPED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR GULF JUNE 28TH), HADMI STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS IN BREAKING STRANGLEHOLD OF SELF-SERVING AND CORRUPT INTERESTS. HE APPEALED TO POPULATION TO TAKE ELECTIONS SERIOUSLY AND TO NOMINATE REPS WHO WOULD TRULY PROMOTE VALID DEVELOPMENTAL INTERESTS. IN SLAP AT SHAIKHS WHO IN PAST EASILY ARRANGED ELECTIONS TO CYI, HAMDI DEPLORED ACTIVITIES OF DISHONEST PEOPLE WHO BETRAYED THE TRUST OF THOSE WHOSE INTERESTS THEY WERE SENT TO SANA TO PROTECT.

4. HAMDI--WHO REMAINS CHAIRMAN OF CYDA, A POSITION HE HAS BEFORE 1974 CORRECTIVE MOVEMENT--INDICATED THAT CYDA MUST HAVE FULL TIME GENERAL SECRETARY. PRESENT INCUMBENT IS ABDULLA AL-HILALLI--A CLOSE HAMDI CONFIDENT WHO WAS APPOINTED MIN OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN ABD AL-GHANI CABINET AND WHO IS ALSO CHANCERY LANDLORD. PRESUMABLY, HILLALI WILL NOW HAVE TO DECIDE WHICH POSITION IS BETTER SUITED TO HIS POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

5. CYDA HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN YEMENI DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS SINCE FORMATION OF MARCH 1973. (REFAIR DESCRIBES CYDA'S ORIGINA AND RAISON D'ETRE). HAMDI'S SUPPORT FOR NEW CYDA ELECTIONS AND ELECTION FORMAT VIEWEZTOY PUBLIC HERE AS INDICATION OF HIS REFORM TENDENCIES-- GENERALLY AT GRIEVOUS COST TO TRIBAL INTERESTS. CYDA-- ALWAYS A HAMDI POWER-BASE--APPEARS INCREASINGLY TO BE TAKING ON TRAPPINGS OF QUASI-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. NOT ONLY IS IT VEHICLE FOR PUBLICIZING YARG'S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL GOALS BUT AS SAME TIME, IT IS SERVING AS AN ACTUAL INSTRUMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING SMALL DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS IN LOCAL AREAS ON GOVERNMENT'S BEHALF.

6. ADDITIONALLY, CYDA ELECTIONS RESULTS COULD HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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BEARING ON ANY NEW CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. IF NEW ELECTION FORMAT IS SUCCESSFUL IN BREAKING OR CURBING HOLD ON SHAIKHLI INTERESTS, ELECTIONS COULD SERVE AS MODEL FOR THE BROADER ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS FOR WHICH PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDER WAY. SCOTES

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